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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN RYAN MEETS WITH KIM TAE-CHUNG

1. AT CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S REQUEST, EMBASSY ARRANGED MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND FORMER OPPOSITION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE KIM TAE-CHUNG AT CHOSUN HOTEL JAN 7. NO EMBASSY PERSONNEL ATTENDED MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO RYAN, KIM SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ALTER REPRESSIVE ASPECTS OF REGIME. HE ASKED THE US TO ALTER ITS POLICIES TOWARD KOREA, BUT DESPITE CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S QUESTIONING, WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT CHANGES HE WANTED. KIM EMPHASIZED, IN ANY CASE, THAT HE DID NOT WANT THE US TO REDUCE AID TO KOREA OR TO WITHDRAW ANY OF ITS TROOPS.

3. SMALL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MEETING IN JAN 8 PAPERS CARRIED KIM'S COMMENTS ON US AID AND QUOTED KIM AS TELLING RYAN THAT SECURITY IN KOREA WAS MEANINGLESS WITHOUT FREEDOM.
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